

Morning Highlights

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Red Flag Warnings in Effect

Weather conditions are expected to be drier and warmer this week throughout Alaska, with the warmest temperatures predicted mid-week for the eastern part of the state, along the Alaska Canada border.

RED FLAG warnings are in effect for either low humidity, high winds or both over portions of the interior and slopes of the Alaska Range today through Wednesday. For specific information, visit: <http://firewx.arh.noaa.gov/warnings.php>.

Please be cautious with anything that could start a fire!

Wildland Fires in Alaska

A map of existing fires is found at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php> (see: Fire Information). Note: the map may take awhile to load if you have a slow connection. Information may also be found in the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Daily Situation Report <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>.

According to AICC, 159 fires have been caused by humans this year and 38 have been caused by lightning. A total of 197 fires have burned 101,688 acres so far this year.

There are 36 active fires. Three fires are currently staffed:

- **Broken Snowshoe (#164) → 25,445 acres:** The fire is north of McGrath. Cooler, moister weather have assisted suppression efforts. Four crews and a number of overhead personnel are expected to be released today. Management of the fire is expected to transition to a Type 3 team on June 4.
- **Healy River (#204) → 50 acres:** Approximately 13 miles northeast of Healy Lake, this fire was lightning caused and discovered on May 27. The fire is near containment and crews are being demobilized.
- **Old Man Fire (#175) → 755 acres:** The fire is northwest of Chicken and is 100-percent contained. Several crews, smokejumpers and overhead personnel have been released and additional staff will be released today.

Additional References

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>

- National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in AK:
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/flash/Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildland%20Fire%20Suppression.pdf>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials:
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and
<http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info):
 (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns):
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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